

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI-110 002**

**MINUTES OF THE 554<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021.**

The 554<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. (Dr.) Nagesh Thakur | Member   |
| 3. Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav  | Member   |
| 4. Prof. E. Suresh Kumar     | Member   |
| 5. Prof. M.K. Sridhar        | Member   |
| 6. Dr. Shivaraj              | Member   |

Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Education and Shri Rajeev Ranjan, Special Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance could not attend the meeting due to preoccupations.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

**Secretary**

Prof. Rajnish Jain

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### SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the Minutes of the 553<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

**The minutes were confirmed.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

- 1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the 553<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

**Noted.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

- 1.02(a)** To report/ratify the action taken on certain matter.

- (i) To report the decisions of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/extension of autonomous status to colleges.

**Noted.**

**[Action: (AS-II)]**

- (ii) To ratify the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission with regard to approval of institutions under Sections 2(f), 12 (B) and compliance under Section 13 of the UGC Act, 1956.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: (AS-II)]**

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- 1.02 (b) To receive the items for information. **(No item)**
- 1.03 To receive the position of funds of UGC and related issues. **(No item)**
- 1.04 To consider and approve University Grants Commission's Annual Report for the year 2020-21.

**Considered and approved. It was further resolved that the Commission Members may send their comments within 05 days, if any. Secretary, UGC was authorized for finalization of the Annual Report.**

**[Action: JS(AR)]**

## SECTION-2

### (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01 To consider amendment in University Grants Commission (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulations, 2021.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: (AS-II)]**

**2.02** To consider the recommendations of the Committee constituted for the formulations of Guidelines and Minimum qualifications and promotional avenues on Scientific posts including ICT Cadre, Engineering Services Cadre, in respect of the non-teaching staff of the Central Universities, UGC maintained deemed to be Universities.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(JCRC)]**

**2.03** To consider the Categorization of Institutions Deemed to be Universities and Private Universities under University Grants Commission [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

**Considered and approved.**

**The Commission further resolved that such type of cases may be brought to the Commission only for the purpose of reporting.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I/DU)]**

**2.04** To consider amendment in UGC (Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 in view of new UGC (ODL Programmes & Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: (AS-II)]**

**2.05**

To consider the report of the UGC Committee constituted to look into the issue of the appointment of Dr. Rajendra Khimani as Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith (Deemed to be University), Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

**The Commission considered the Report of the UGC Committee and observed that: i) there are procedural lapses in the appointment of Dr. Rajendra Khimani as Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith (Deemed to be University) and ii) the Fact Finding Committee of UGC constituted separately has found that Dr. Rajendra Khimani was also responsible for certain lapses in the administrative and financial functioning of the Gujarat Vidyapith as Registrar during the period from 01.04.2004 to 30.04.2019.**

**In view of the above and in accordance with the provisions stipulated in Clause 10.12.3.E of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019, the Commission resolved to direct the Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith (Deemed to be University) to remove Dr. Rajendra Khimani as Vice-Chancellor with immediate effect. The Commission further resolved that failing to comply with the directions of the Commission would attract penal action in accordance with the UGC Act, 1956 and the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019, including that of withholding of grants.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I/DU)]**

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- 2.06** To consider and approve the Draft Educational Framework for Global Citizenship in Higher Education.

**The Commission considered the Draft Educational Framework for Global Citizenship in Higher Education and resolved that the Commission Members may send their comments within 05 days. The Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC for finalization of the Framework.**

**[Action: JS(QIP)]**

## **SECTION-3**

**(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)**

**(There is no item in this section)**

## **SECTION-4**

**(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)**

**(There is no item in this section)**

## **SECTION-5**

**(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)**

**(There is no item in this section)**

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## SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

**6.01** To consider certain establishment matters of UGC

Recorded separately.

**(Prof. Rajnish Jain)**  
Secretary

**(Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh)**  
Chairman